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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 2268

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SUBJ: MALTESE-COMMON MARKET RELATIONS

REF: VALLETTA 2234 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR LAURENS-CASTELET TELLS US THAT
MALTESE AMBASSADOR ATTARD KINGSWELL RECENTLY VISITED
PARIS TO DISCUSS MATTER OF FRENCH ASSISTANCE
INCLUDING SOFT LOANS FROM COMMON MARKET. LAURENS-
CASTELET SAID ONLY SPECIFIC CONCESSION MADE BY
FRENCH WAS LENGTHENING SEASON DURING WHICH
MALTESE CUT FLOWERS AND POTATOES COULD BE EXPORTED
TO FRANCE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHILE LAURENS-CASTELET
HAD NO PRECISE INFORMATION HE UNDERSTOOD FRENCH
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MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH WHAT HE

DESCRIBES AS DUTCH POSITION REGARDING SOFT LOANS.
SUBSTANCE OF POSITION WOULD BE THAT COMMON MARKET
WOULD CONSIDER SOFT LOANS ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS
WHERE MALTESE PROVIDED JUSTIFICATION IN ECONOMIC TERMS.

2. LATTER POINT IS CONSISTENT WITH BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOLLOWING MINTOFF'S VISIT TO
LONDON NOV 11. BOTH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ARE VAGUE ON STATUS OF THIS IDEA, AND IT
IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER IT IS UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION BRUSSELS.GETZ

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